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La Paz Scoffs at Notion Mystery Objects From Mars--Mysterious rocket ships may be flitting over the country, but meteorologist Dr. Lincoln La Paz scoffs at the notion it is a ship from Mars. La Paz had several phone calls from points around the southwest asking if the object could have come from Mars or another planet. Reports from throughout the country described the mysterious object as cigar-shaped, about 200 feet long and glowing with a red light. Several motorists reported their car motors and lighting systems malfunctioned when they approached the object. The scientist indicated he felt some of the sightings were the result of active imaginations. He said some of the sightings may be of meteors, but right now there should be no meteor showers. La Paz said if there was such an object here it was probably man-made and not a product from outer space. Discounting the theory it may have come from Mars he said, "The University printing plant just last week issued a book stating that Mars is not capable of supporting any life more developed than lichens." He said it is impossible to believe the red planet could support any life capable of building or flying a ship as has been described. (Editors Note: Last spring Dr. La Paz stated publicly that he believed the unidentified flying objects were coming from another solar system).

UFO's May Be Coming From Mars Says Amateur Astronomer--The unidentified flying objects seen throughout the United States lately may be space ships from Mars, a noted Dallas astronomer said. The opinion came from E.M. Brewer of Dallas, Texas, an amateur astronomer for more than 22 years. "They probably come from Mars," he said. "Astronomers have long noted changing seasons on Mars, a smaller and colder planet than Earth. "So, why not life on Mars--just like us?" However, Mr. Brewer said he has never seen one of the mysterious objects even though they have been spotted intermittently since the end of World War II. "But so many reliable persons have told me of seeing them that I have no reason to suppose they don't exist." Mr. Brewer said there are two schools of thought among astronomers. One school believes there is life on Mars. "If there is life there, then it is probably more advanced than ours because the planet is generally concluded to be older than Earth," he said. Asked why the occupants of the mystery objects don't land on their earth visits, Mr. Brewer chided: "They may be afraid of getting shot. And its possible that if a space ship did land, someone would panic and try to shoot the occupants." Mr. Brewer said he believed the mystery objects were friendly. "If they are from outer space, they have had ample opportunity to inflict damage," he said.

Sheriff 'Burned Up' by Lights Story Doubters--Sheriff Wier Clem of Hockley County, Texas, is burned up because the Air Force has down-graded reports of a glowing object in the sky and on the ground near Levelland, Texas. The Air Force decided after an investigation that the phenomenon was believed to be ball lightning or St. Elmo's fire. Clem said that his own theory is better than that of "a man who came 2,000 or 3,000 miles down here after it was all over." The sheriff maintained that the object was "definitely something." Reports came from 11 persons who saw it in the air and three who saw it on the ground. Clem recalled, and "they are all reliable people."

UFO's Not Ball Lightning Says Meteorologist--J.C. Ballard, meteorologist in charge at the United States Weather Bureau in Atlanta, Ga., said if the description of the unidentified flying objects are correct, they couldn't be ball lightning. People who claim to have seen ball lightning say it is always from a few feet to a few yards distant, he said. The "balls" are about the size of a man's fist and they don't move in concentric circles as the unidentified objects are reported to do, he added.

Engineer Saw Flying Object, Air Force Spokesman Says--Despite an official Air Force denial from Washington, D.C., a top ranking Air Force spokesman at Alamogordo, New Mexico said he is personally satisfied that an electronics engineer actually saw an unidentified flying object which mysteriously made automobile engines stall. Lt. Col John McCurdy, public information officer at the Air Force Development Center said he

became convinced the engineer, James Stokes, 42, had sighted such an object after lengthy questioning. Stokes said he had made notes of what he saw when his car stalled on U.S. Highway 54 at White Sands the previous day. He described the object as egg-shaped "like a pulled-out pistol target with rings around it." Stokes said it was about two miles away, at an altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet. He said 10 other motorists were stalled along the route when the object appeared briefly. According to the Air Force denial from Washington, D.C., the sighting was described as a "hoax" suggested by the Levelland incident.

Asks New Probe of 'Sky Objects'--Edward J. Ruppelt, the man who headed the Air Force UFO investigation from 1951 to 1953, denied that unidentified flying objects could be explained away as optical tricks. "During my tenure with Project Bluebook, we had reports of radiation and induction fields in connection with UFO," he said. "However, the information was sketchy and we never were able to pin it down. I note that Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard College Observatory said atmospheric conditions sometimes can produce visual objects in the sky--mirages," Ruppelt continued. "There has been a lot of talk about mirages. That is one thing we proved the UFO is not. We went to Dr. Joseph Kaplan, the UCLA meteorologist, and others, and we spent a lot of money to determine if mirages were the answer. The only positive answer we got was that they were NOT mirages." Ruppelt pleaded for more investigation and a greater flow of information from the Air Force about the unidentified flying objects.

It's Costly To Hunt UFO's, Says Air Force--According to the Air Force, it costs approximately \$10,000 for each major UFO track-down, including sending out investigating personnel, paying transportation expenses, sending planes aloft to investigate intruders and taking pictures of, perhaps, Venus--plus administrative work. (Editors Note: I would be more than happy to hire out as a traveling investigator for 1/10th the existing cost, \$1,000 per track-down. That's a savings of \$9,000 per track-down for the tax payer. Of course, this doesn't include the jet intercepts. I'm allergic to motion sickness).

✓ UFO's Watch Satellite--Dublin, Ireland, 10/18/57--A recent news broadcast from Radio Moscow said that the Russian scientists were worried about some unidentifiable objects in the vicinity of their satellite. It went on to say that these objects are what are known to the American public as "flying saucers".

✓ Mysterious Object Paces 2nd Satellite--An unknown object is pacing sputnik II, running about 3 minutes ahead in the same orbit. This declaration was made by William B. Doe of the Argonne National Laboratory Astronomy Club, who said his group sighted the object while watching for the Russian satellite to pass over Chicago. He described it as much dimmer than sputnik II, which he says was "a beautiful sight."

Flying Objects For All to See Predicted Soon--An Abilene, Texas man who has studied unidentified flying objects for 20 years predicted "they will soon come in large numbers for all to see." Jim Lee of Abilene, head of a group called the Interplanetary Space Patrol, was critical of a Harvard scientist's explanation of the object reported seen near Levelland, Texas. Dr. Donald H. Menzel, director of Harvard's observatory, said the bright lights and similar oddities were another example of the "flying saucer scare" so prevalent several years ago. But Lee termed Menzel's observations "ridiculous and not based on known facts." Lee said "the days of the skeptics are numbered, and they had better find a good place to hide away for even the entire populations of our large cities will see these ships as they come in from outer space. "They will soon come in large numbers for all to see and the skeptic will not have a leg to stand on. There is no need for alarm over the situation at this time," Lee said. His organization was formed about two years ago in Abilene, and he says has chapters all over the world.

Anti-Aircraft Gun Hunted To Capture "Thing"--Of the many residents in the Asheville, North Carolina region who saw strange lights in the sky on November 6, 1957, at least one man was determined to take strong action to satisfy his curiosity. This individual called Capt. Everett G. Nicholson of the Asheville police and asked, "Do you have an anti-aircraft gun?" Told "no" the man asked, "Does Civil Defense have one?" Capt. Nicholson replied, "No, they don't have one either, but why do you want an anti-aircraft gun?" "I want to shoot down this thing that's flying around and see what it is!"

The Editors Have Their Say--From the Citizen, Lima, Ohio, 11/8/57--The Air Force will investigate those mysterious bright objects so many persons have seen in the skies. That's the major difference, apparently, between these weird things and the flying saucers of a few years ago. For a long time the Air Force tried to conceal the fact it was investigating the saucers, and still is concealing the results of its investigation. Will we learn more, ever, about the Air Force's present findings than we did about their saucer conclusions?...Let's hope the present flurry of "things" can be explained more fully. From the Recorder, Porterville, Calif., 11/22/57--When it comes to mysterious flying objects, saucer-shaped or otherwise, the population falls into three categories--those who believe they are ships from outer space, those who pooh-pooh the whole idea, and those who wonder. We wonder. From the Chief Union, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, 11/9/57--A few years back there was a rash of reports of flying saucers, balls of fire, strange craft and other objects. Gradually the number of reports diminished and then none were announced for many months until just a few days ago. Now Americans are seeing things again, things which seem to be unexplainable. However, Dr. Donald H. Menzel, director of the Harvard College of Observatory, has his explanation. The mysterious objects form just another "flying saucer scare" and are really mirages stemming from natural causes...This explanation seems a trifle too thin and trite...It would seem that not all of the people who have seen flying objects are merely watching mirages. It is very difficult to imagine that so many people are being spoofniked. From the Times, Melbourne, Florida, 11/13/57--Have you seen a flying saucer lately? Well, thousands of persons claim they have. And all of a sudden we've discovered that the Air Force will not repudiate all that is claimed about seeing flying saucers, and we've learned even something more startling: There is a widespread feeling that the Department of Defense shortly will confirm that flying saucers are space ships. From the Plain Dealer, Wabash, Indiana, 11/14/57--In times of world stress people are just bound to see more flying saucers. So suggests Maj. Gen. A.H. Leuhman, director of the Air Force's Information Services... "There seems to be a direct correlation between the climate of the world politics and the number of sightings reported. No one yet has been able to bring up one solitary thing you can put your finger on," the general said. From the News, Jackson, Mississippi, 11/12/57--Several years ago when the flying saucers sighting craze was in full swing a Jackson Daily News reporter quizzed a scientist on the subject. The reply was people were seeing spots before their eyes, probably due to billiousness. Judging from the frequency of strange objects seen recently this is undoubtedly the most constipated nation on earth.

UFO's, Pro and Con--Dr. E.C. Tupes, San Antonio psychologist, said he believes the latest sightings of objects in the sky go beyond mere imagination. "If the reported stopping of cars is authentic, it can't be imagination," said Dr. Tupes. "And look at the separate sightings." Another San Antonio psychologist, Dr. Raymond E. Chrystal, said he believes the sightings are not entirely imaginary. "You can't explain the initial reports on the basis of mass hysteria," he said. "Not when a number of people saw things at different points, without knowledge of each others stories. They've definitely seen something. I wouldn't say its from another world, but you can't eliminate that possibility." A UCLA psychologist offered a calm explanation for the current rash of unidentified flying objects. "The most likely explanation," said Dr. Richard P. Barthol, "is that people tend to see what they expect to see." Apparently most people who see UFO's make a bonafide report of what they think they saw, he said. Dr. H.W. Ritchey, technical director of the Rocket Divisions of Thiokol Chemical Corp., was asked if he believes mysterious flying objects seen recently could be craft from another planet. "You certainly can't discount the possibility," he said. "If witnesses and reports on these objects are reliable, they are hard to explain any other way." He pointed out that the object seen recently near Levelland, Texas reportedly stopped car engines and put out their lights. A machine capable of nullifying gravity would do this, he said, and Albert Einstein himself once explored the possibility of such a machine. Professors at Texas Christian University were inclined to label the UFO's a "spoofnik." Chemist Joseph Hudgkins likened reports of it to "the petrified giant of 80 years ago and other hoaxes that have swept the country." People have gotten so alarmed over the Russian Sputnik and now Nuttnik," Dr. Hudgkins said, "mass hysteria actually can create a flying Spoofnik all our own." Neither Dr. Hudgkins nor other professors could explain reports that the object had stalled cars on roads as it sped away.

✓ Reports of Aerial Phenomena--12/17/57--Crew members of the 595-ton trawler Ella Hewett returned home shaking their heads over an aerial mystery. They said while they were cruising in the Irish Sea recently a great flash lit the sky around their vessel. Then they said they noticed the trawler's white painted bridge turning pink. "This is no seaman's tale," said 57-year-old skipper Fred Sutton. "The bridge was definitely pink the morning after the flash occurred while we were on passage between the Isle of Man and Scotland. But 30 hours later it was white again. I don't know the answer." (Credit: Staff Correspondent Mrs. Roy Atkinson).

12/14/57--Radio Ankara reported a bright object plunged from the sky near Anatolian plateau and exploded with a loud noise. The broadcast said the object left no trace after its fall. Inebolu is a town on the Black Sea coast of Turkey about 400 miles west of the Russian frontier. (Credit: Staff Correspondent Mr. Carol Honey).

12/11/57--"Never in my life have I ever seen anything like that," said Mrs. Robert Averett. "I'm a member of the Ground Observer Corps," said Mrs. Averett, "and I've been trained to look for things, but never have I ever seen anything like that." She described the object as being "huge", about half the size of the moon. "I spotted a bright light just over the hill," she said. "It appeared to move in a slow arc, and just when it appeared to be close to the ground it burst into a green color." She watched the object for about 10 seconds. (Credit: Member Ronnie Say).

12/7/57--A sharp skyquake shook parts of the Imperial Valley, Calif., at 8:06 a.m., cracking windows. (Credit: Staff Correspondent Mr. Carol Honey).

11/30/57--Frank Orlando of Harlem, Montana was admiring northern lights near Zurich. At 12:48 a.m., a teardrop-shaped ball of fire, shot earthward at a 45 degree angle. Using a Ground Observer Corps device, the object seemed to be about seven or eight miles away and traveling fast. He said a carload of passerby confirmed his observations. Its front was molten white and toward the tail the color changed to light green.

✓ 11/30/57--At 12:45 a.m., near Scoby, Montana, Norman Juel said he saw an object heading down and that it "looked like a boxcar on fire." In Scoby, residents heard a terrific sky quake that rattled windows and dishes on their shelves.

11/30/57--An inspector for the Mississippi Highway Patrol reported that he saw a mysterious ball of fire which appeared to fall just west of Hattiesburg. Bud Grey, 42, said the object "looked to be about six or eight feet in diameter and was burning red like a ball of fire."

11/30/57--Walter Gamulski of Ojai, Calif., saw an orange UFO at 7:02 p.m. He said it passed from south to north in a straight line over Topo Topa bluff. The passage of the orange object took about half a minute, he said. Then, he said, the object started going up and down on the horizon. "The up and down motions took about a quarter of a minute," he said.

11/30/57--A Los Altos, Calif., moonwatcher, Roy N. Griffin, said he sighted an unidentified flying object at 4:09 p.m. He said it was brighter than the planet Venus or any other object in the sky except the moon.

11/30/57--A brilliant unidentified flying object passed over Regina, Sask., Canada during the early a.m. If the brilliant display was caused by a meteor, then it was a most unusual meteor, according to Regina Astronomical Society director John Hodges. Flight path of the fireball, computed from reliable information in the Weyburn area, is not that of the usual meteor. The path was horizontal and then curved steeply earthwards. Meteor paths are straight, irrespective of direction. A meteor travels very fast. This fireball, according to reports, must have been a slower moving object. To curve earthwards suggests it was losing speed. "I've never seen or heard of a meteor path like it," Mr. Hodges said.

11/29/57--A giant fireball was seen in the Fairbanks, Alaska area during the afternoon. Dr. C. Gordon Little, deputy director of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska, saw the plunging fiery object.

"He said it was "a very bright fireball at about the right sort of place and at about the right sort of time" for it to be mistaken by many for the plunge of the Sputnik rocket. "The object we saw was not the rocket," he said. Dr. Little said the occurrence of fireballs of the size described here was extremely rare. He said only "two or three" are seen annually throughout the world.

11/29/57--The sighting of a fireball at Fairbanks, Alaska by Gene Rogge was one of many received from the Fairbanks area for said date. He said he saw the object from his home at 3:21 p.m. headed southeast at "about 1,500 feet, moving fast, and went into a cloud." Rogge said it was trailing flame "about 100 feet long" from "a ball of fire about three feet in diameter" which traveled at terrific speed.

11/26/57--A blazing ball of fire, spewing out sparks and lighting the early morning sky, streaked over Portland, Oregon at 5:50 a.m. Dr. Fred L. Wipple, director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical observatory at Cambridge, Mass., said spectacular fireballs such as was seen by scores of early risers in Portland and the northern Willamette Valley, were "fairly common," falling somewhere in the world at about the rate of "one" a day. (Credit: Member Pauline Hecker).

11/26/57--At 4:45 a.m. over Highway 99--north of Olympia, Washington--several people saw a "flying neon sign" traveling northeast, then turned west and as it turned, changed color from red to white. McChord Air Force Base received numerous phone calls. (Credit: Member Carl M. Newton).

11/21/57--Night turned into day over several New England states as one of the largest fireballs ever to pass over the area, lighted the sky. All observers agreed on the time--about 7:45 p.m.

11/21/57--A skyquake shook Youngstown, Ohio at 11:45 a.m.

11/19/57--An unidentified flying object was spotted over Houston, Texas at about 2:45 p.m. It passed a jet plane like a race car would pass a Model T. "It was much higher than the jet, which was about 2,000 feet up. It was round. It was white, and didn't have any shine. And it left the jet far, far behind it was going so fast," said the witness, Jimmy Mitchell.

11/14/57--A bright light, described by a woman as looking like "a full moon with rays extending downward," mystified authorities in Perry County, Ill. Adding to the mystery was power failure just after Mrs. John Riead of Tamaroa, Ill., saw the light. Mrs. Riead, wife of a justice of the peace and former Tamaroa postmaster, said she heard a "sputtering noise" about 11:45 a.m. and thought it was a car turning into the driveway. She went outside to investigate and spotted a "real bright light just over the top of the trees and U.S. 51." She said the light appeared to flash three times, growing progressively brighter, and then she heard a series of five or six "booms" before the light disappeared. H.D. Heath, district manager of the Illinois Power Co., said power was off in Dubois and near Riead home. Patrols examined the area for possible line breaks but found none.

11/14/57--Miss Sandra Schaub, 16, of Ketchikan, Alaska, said that as she was preparing to go to bed, about 11:40 p.m., she noticed a pink glow across the bed. Turning to the window she saw a ball of pinkish violet light which appeared to hover over Sunny Point cannery buildings. As she watched, the ball of light seemed to sway slightly from side to side, then suddenly became brilliant red, larger, and seemed to be coming toward her. Aghast, she buried her head on the bed, thinking the object would strike the house. A few minutes later she raised her head and it had disappeared. The girl ran screaming downstairs to tell her parents. (Credit: Staff Correspondent Mrs. I. Jones).

11/11/57--Harold George, 70, of Dallas, Texas, said he and several other motorists watched two UFO's flying in a wide circle over the Oak Cliff section of Dallas at night. George, a representative for Metal Awnings, Inc., said the objects streaked through the sky in a wide circle. He said the objects gave off a bright light but he could hear no sound. He said he could not tell the shape of them, but they were not round. There were streams of light coming from them in different directions and they would dart in and out of the clouds. One object appeared to be hard on the heels of the other.

Brazilian UFO Review, by Olavo Fontes--Av. Atlantica, 1588-APTO. 901--Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--South America. (Continued from November issue) Character of flight: In order of percentage, steady flight (for cigars); steady flight, hovering, climbing sharply, oscillating, sharp turning or zig zagging, flipping on edge, wobbling, rotating, in formation, etc. (for saucers or discs); hovering, climbing sharply, steady flight and oscillating (for spherical or round-shaped UFO's). Altitude: As the sighting was at night in the majority of cases, no exact estimation of altitudes is possible.. Miscellaneous: A hemispherically-shaped projection, or dome, on the upper part of the object, was described in 4 cases (saucer). One saucer had a red ring or band around its center, which emitted flashes of brilliant light; another one had two orange-red lights over it. One of the cigar-shaped UFO's seemed to have a strong light on the head, and its stern looked like a tail. No trails were reported in any case (excepting one cigar-shaped UFO). Some spherical or round-shaped UFO's changed color (from yellow to red or orange-red, from orange-red to violet, ect.); one of them seemed to have a white light, which appeared to pulsate at regular intervals. No objects with wings, propellers or jets were observed. No "angel hair" was reported in any case. As I wondered about the four important points or conclusions, stressed on the analysis of data from 27 "good unknowns"--the staggering implications of these results came to my mind. Those facts and evidence could be explained only by the theory that the UFO's were craft from outer space. There was no other alternative.

In a recent book by Mr. Lloyd Mallan, titled "Secrets of Space Flight", there is a chapter about flying saucers. I found there (p. 140) the following statements, by the author himself. "Out of 4,000 reports analyzed by the Air Force, using the most advanced scientific statistical techniques, only 434 sightings could be classed as unknown. Of these, a mere dozen could be called good unknowns--or unknowns by reliable observers who gave detailed descriptions. The remaining 422 unknowns were placed in the unknown category simply because there was no other way to catalog them: many of them could have been explained as conventional phenomena, except for single peculiarities"... "On the other hand, neither radar nor optical tracking equipment had been used on them: they were all observed by unaided eye. If the observations had been accurate or detailed enough, they might never have been placed in the unknown category. So, in a sense, the whole Air Technical Intelligence "saucer" investigation, from 1947 through the end of April 1955, boils down to 12 "good unknowns". All other sightings, except for the straight unknowns, had been explained on a reasonable scientific basis".

When I finished reading this, I was startled and deeply worried about something. This article was already written but, how could I face the readers? How could a lonely civilian investigator as myself collect 27 good unknowns out of 29 unknowns, when the USAF could only extract a mere dozen good unknowns out of 434 unknowns? Besides, the 12 USAF's good unknowns had been the product of an investigation of almost 9 years; on the other side, my 27 cases had been collected through a period of less than a month, in 1954. It just couldn't be. Somewhere a terrible mistake had been made. I rechecked my findings carefully: no mistake was found; so, my analysis was good. Could the USAF be responsible by the discrepancies noted? It would be incredible. But such was not the case. The error had been made by Mr. Mallan. Unfortunately, his "will-not-to-believe" is so powerful that he saw only the data he wished to see--not the true statistical data from the USAF. To prove my statement, I shall transcribe below something written by Capt. E.J. Ruppelt, USAFR, the man who was, from 1951 to 1953, in charge of Project Bluebook, the official USAF investigation of UFO's. I am quoting from an article he wrote for the magazine "True" (May, 1954), entitled "What our Air Force found out about Flying Saucers". He said (p. 132) the following: "In 1952, we extracted the best sightings from the files to see what kind of sense we could make from them. These represented the cream of the reports and most of them had come through military channels. This meant that they either had been made by military personnel or had undergone a preliminary check at the point of origin. Of the 2, 199 sightings, 434--19.7 percent--were listed unknown."

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